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CROP WEATHER WATCH GROUP
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the crop weather watch group has reviewed the current crop situation in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(c) the details of the assessment of the said group;

(d) whether the crops of oil seeds, pulses and maize have been planted in more area during the current year in comparison to last year; and

(e) if so, the details thereof. State-wise?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRYOF CONSUMER AFFAIRS,FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA):

(a) to (c) The crop weather watch group reviewed the rabi crop situation for 2004-05. State-wise details of area coverage under different rabi crops as on 07.03.2005 are given in the Statement enclosed.

The group assessed the weather situation, reservoir position, availability of inputs, etc. and found that the overall prospects of rabi crops for 2004-05 are good.

(d) and (e) The details of area sown under oilseeds,pulses and maize during rabi season of current year visa-vis last year at all India level are given in the following table:

Area under Rabi Crops
{Area in lakh hectares]

Crop	2004-05	2003-04
Oilseeds	106.16	98.06
Pulses	128.13	131.55
Maize	9.05	8.36

As on 07.03.2005 *Corresponding period last year.

It may be seen from the above table that the area sown under oilseeds and maize is more during the current year compared to the last year. However, the area undes pulses is less than that in the last year. The State-wise details are given in the Statement enclosed.